Scales of Scientists

1047. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the scales of scientists have been downgraded by Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact the scientist community in the country has expressed indignation over downgrading of their scales and that exodus of experts is anticipated;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to resolve the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Training under MEGSAT Scheme

1048. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of achievements made so far and the number of the persons trained in Bihar under the MEGSAT Scheme;

(b) which institutions in Orissa are being engaged by Government to train people under the said scheme; and

(c) the places in Orissa where necessary training institutions at Government level are available or are proposed to be made available in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) Under MEGSAT scheme, 5492 persons have been trained in Bihar. The MEGSAT scheme was wound up in the financial year 1996-97.

(b) and (c) As MEGSAT scheme was wound up in 1996-97, no institutions are being engaged in Orissa to train people under the said scheme.